

Chess @ *Thunder on the Lot* a Huge Success!

Over 200 people (ages 3 to 93) learned and/or played chess at *Thunder on the Lot*'s Chess Attraction on Saturday, June 10. They came to play with friends or strangers on AV Chess House provided chess sets or its huge chess set -- the tallest piece is a foot-and-a-half! In addition, almost two dozen competed in the 2nd Annual Thunder on the Lot Chess Tournament.

Thunder on the Lot, sponsored and organized by Robertson's Honda and AV Harley~Davidson, has been held for 18 years in-a-row in order to raise funds for a variety of Antelope Valley non-profits which service and support children. Their mission: "To help the kids in our community who truly need it most."

Held on the AV Fair Grounds, an estimated twenty thousand people attended this year's *Thunder*, which featured live music including tribute bands, a stunning array of car and motorcycle shows and competitions, community stage performances, a carnival with a Ferris Wheel and numerous other rides, over a hundred vendors, and dozens of non-profit booths.

For the second year in-a-row, the AV Chess House has been a contributor to this event by providing a free Chess Attraction. Photos below.



Even before the Chess Attraction at *Thunder on the Lot* opened, as Chess Coach Morgan Mahowald (a two-time Girls State Chess Champion of Minnesota) set up for the day-long event, eager chess players couldn't wait – they just had to get in that first game of the day.



Chess players or learners, ranging from age three to ninety three, flocked to the Thunder on the Lot's Chess Attraction Saturday, June 10.



The 2nd Annual Thunder on the Lot Chess Tournament drew almost two dozen competitors. The Tournament Director, United States Chess Federation National Master Matt Mahowald, congratulates (from left) 1st Place John Charlton of Palmdale, 2nd Place Kevin Stevenson of Rosamond, and 3rd Place Jacob Williams of Lancaster.



Throughout the day, hundreds stopped by the *Thunder on the Lot* Chess Attraction for a game or ten.